

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-37: (canceled)

38. (currently amended) A cutting blade for a motor-driven implement, said cutting blade comprising:

a main body of metal having a central fastening opening and blade sections, also of metal, that extend approximately radially from said main body, wherein said blade sections are disposed in a plane with the main body, and wherein said blade sections have edges that extend in a radial direction and form cutting edges, wherein radially outer edges of said blade sections are embodied as additional cutting edges, wherein said radially inner edges and said radially outer edges extend in a double trapezoidal tapering shape to radial ends of said blade sections, wherein an angle is provided between a longitudinal axis of a given one of said blade sections and one of said radially outer cutting edges, wherein said angle is larger than an angle between said longitudinal axis and one of said radially inner cutting edges, to obtain a nearly elliptical contour of the cutting blade.

39. (previously presented) A cutting blade according to claim 38, wherein said radially inner cutting edges merge in an angular manner with said radially outer cutting edges, and wherein said radially outer cutting edges merge in an angular manner with said radial ends of said blade section.

40. (previously presented) A cutting blade according to claim 38, wherein said radially inner cutting edges merge with a radius with said radially outer

cutting edges, and wherein said radially outer cutting edges merge with a radius with said radial ends of said blade section.

41. (previously presented) A cutting blade according to claim 38, wherein said radially inner cutting edges merge in an angular manner with said radially outer cutting edges, and wherein said radially outer cutting edges merge with a radius with said radial ends of said blade section.

42. (previously presented) A cutting blade according to claim 38, wherein said radially inner cutting edges merge with a radius with said radially outer cutting edges, and wherein said radially outer cutting edges merge in an angular manner with said radial ends of said blade section.

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48. (currently amended) A cutting blade for a motor-driven implement, said cutting blade comprising: according to claim 38,

a main body of metal having a central fastening opening and blade sections, also of metal, that extend approximately radially from said main body, wherein said blade sections have edges that extend in a radial direction and form cutting edges, wherein radially outer edges of said blade sections are embodied as additional cutting edges, wherein said radially inner edges and said radially outer edges extend in a double trapezoidal tapering shape to radial ends of said blade sections, wherein an angle is provided between a longitudinal axis of a given one of said blade

sections and one of said radially outer cutting edges,

wherein said angle between said longitudinal axis and one of said radially outer edges is approximately twice as large as an angle between said longitudinal axis and one of said radially inner cutting edges.

49. (currently amended) A cutting blade according to claim 48 ~~38~~, wherein said radially outer cutting edges are shorter than said radially inner cutting edges.

50. (currently amended) A cutting blade according to claim 48 ~~38~~, wherein said radially inner edges and said radially outer edges extend in a double trapezoidal tapering shape to form a substantially elliptical contour of said cutting blade.

51. (currently amended) A cutting blade according to claim 48 ~~38~~, wherein said cutting blade is a reversible blade.

52. (currently amended) A cutting blade according to claim 48 ~~38~~, wherein said blade sections are disposed in a plane with said main body.